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PERSONAL.

R. M. Dougal, of Williamsport, spent C. J. Capwell, of Wilkes-Barre, and R. W. Shaver, of Kingston, were in the city yesterday.

MINOOKA.

Miss Jennie Kelly, of Hyde Park, sisited Minooka friends Saturday. Henry Hart, of Providence, circulated among Mincoka friends yesterday. Miss Katie Davis, of Hyde Park, vis-

ited Minooka yesterday.

Thomas Loughney, of Main street, is able to be around again after a severe attack of rheumatism.

James Connolly, one of the Pioneer residents of this vicinity, died Saturday evening at 6 o'clock after a prolonged illness. The funeral announcement will be made later.

The St. Joseph's Total Abstinence and Benevolent society held a special meetments for their annual ball on New Year's night.

The United Social club will hold their annual social this Monday evening at

Assessor Frank Toole will begin his tri-annual assessment this morning.
Michael Dunn, of Main street, was killed at the Sibley mines Saturday by a fall of rock. Mr. Dunn was in the act of drilling a hole when the bellshaped monster crushed him lifeless, The deceased was about 40 years. He is survived by a wife and seven small children. Funeral will take place to-

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of New York city, will be in his Scranton office, 411 Wyoming avenue, every Mon-day from 8 in the morning until 9 in the

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SEVERAL ELOQUENT SERMONS

Rev. J. R. Day, D. D., of Syracuse, Spoke in the Morning and Rev. J. R. Boyle, D. D., of Wilkes-Barre, in the Evening.

The service incident to the celebration of the first anniversary of the Elm Park church concluded yesterday. At ringing out the dedication tunes of a

At the morning service a distinguished member of the Methodist ministry, Rev. J. R. Day, D. D., chancellor senting all churches and creeds to be found in the city.

Previous to the sermon the church but it had withstood violence and per-quartette rendered the Cantate Domino, by S. P. Warren, and other sacred selections. In preaching the anniversary sermon, Dr. Day based his remarks upon 1 Cor. xiii, 9, "For We Know in Part and Prophesy in Part," and

"The emphasis upon the first clause, pamphleteer scientist who says that re- living God. ligon and service are irreconcilable, the elieve his doctrine, and it is doctrine simply because he believes in it; but the Apostle Paul says: For we know in Thy glorious name to praise part,' 'For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face, now I know in part, then shall I know even as also I am known."

Man Who Does Not Know It All.

"Your man of unfledged thought has claims to prophecy and an eye to the unknown, but the great man who knows enough to know that he does not know all, is even cautiously making his way along the high road of truth. All great discoveries are but as astronomy, a few street lamps in comparison with the great light of God, and yet in face of that fact, there is a considerable school who argue that the just claims of Jesus Christ cannot be dem-onstrated by logic or tested by the or-dinary process of the best affairs of life.

"They will not accept the Gospel because it appeals to faith, and this they are not able to fully understand. It is best answered by arument of the Quaker, who was approached by an infidel who did not believe in a supernatural being and was asked, 'Hast thee thee seen thy brains?' There are 'Yes;' when the Quaker asked, 'Hast thee seen they brains?" There are others in the world who will not believe without ocular demonstration, and yet it was the simplest thing in life that would prove the fallacy of their posi-

"All the Christian has to do to turn out the pamphleteer scientists and the babbling infidel is to ask him to explain the mysteries of nature. The fact is, all knowledge we have is as a little entrance to the vast temple of things un-

known and unknowable. "There are two facts There are things in it which were never understood

It Comes from God. "I can understand things that originate in man, but this book comes down from the Almighty God, and there will always be so much in it that I cannot understand. It is like the kindergarten school, where the infinite mind is talking to the finite, childish mind. When a boy, looking at the rainbow, I was told to run into the fields to secure the end, but the whole thing was illusive, and afterward I learned to look at the top of the rainbow arch. The end of the bow may be mysterious but I could always see the top of the

"There are a dozen different theories as to the doctrine of the atonement, and there are in Scranton plenty of men who will not accept the doctrine until by common consent all agree to one view. So immense is the question that men cannot grasp it, but in this book is to be seen the one great supreme fact of Atonement, so what more need we care as long as we have that. Get the main fact of atonement. Jesus saves me and that is atonement. To understand it is too immense, too tremendous. If we cannot get the sun, we have sunbeams, and that is all we

"The infinite great God made this world and God is trying to make men and women. He works in different ways, but always let the plan with him. The philosophy of part knowledge is Benevolent society held a special meet-such as to stimulate us to know more ing Sunday afternoon to make arrange- and what is most blessed is that what I don't know. One has been sent for the express business who knows for me. All I don't know He knows." Dr. Day then concluded with a powerful appeal for implicit faith in the Holy Word.

Meeting in Afternoon.

In the afternoon a mass meeting of Sunday school teachers and scholars was held. Mayor Connell was present, but his physician had forbidden him to speak in public owing to a severe cold from which he was suffering. A large orchestra accompanied the choir, and several selections were rendered during the afternoon. Rev. F. A. Chaffee, of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, delivered a brief address, in which he congratulated the scholars upon their first anniversary in their new home. He wished them God-speed in their future career. City Solicitor Torrey, as superintendent of the Second Presbyterian Sunday school, con-

veyed the Presbyterian congratula-tions upon the memorable accasion, Rev. Mr. Powell, of Wilkes-Barre, spoke upon the past of the school and the marvelous growth of the work, and was followed by Rev. Dr. Manley Hard, ex-presiding elder of the district, who, in a humorous manner, related his reminiscences of his early Sunday school life. He urged that they should upon all occasions keep faith with the boys. There was, he thought, more plety in the present than ever, and there were more men and women who would serve as martyrs if called upon in the interest of religion to do so. Rev. M. D. Fuller also made a very appro-

sung by the choir coucluded the meet-In the evening Rev. J. Richard Boyle, D. D., of the First Methodist Episcopal Great variety of Sieds, Clipper Wagons and Doll Carriages.

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Church, Wilkes-Barre, preached a powerful sermon from 2 Peter, i. 25; "But the word of the Lord endureth forever, and this is the word which by the Gos-

priate address, after which a chorus

erend gentlemen's sermon was brimful of arguments contending that the word in an incisive manner with various cri-ticizms of the authenticity of the Scrip-heaven." ticizms of the authenticity of the Scriptures, Dr. Boyle dealt impressive with a specific form of the evidence of their divine authenticity, viz.: By their per sistence, endurance, and stability. All systems of thought to be permanent

and immutable must stand that test In the first place there was evidence that the Word of God had endured ravages of time. No heathen or profane literature had stood the same test as the Bible, and no sacred work was so venerable, and it antedated all specimens of literature in the whole world. an early hour the chimes were heard While cities were destroyed, empires came and went, arts were gained and lost, races of men became extinct, forces of nature changed the face of the earth, this antique word had endured and not statement or doctrine of the Syracuse university, preached to had been altered. Time had not a large congregation, which comprised the earth, this antique word had not many prominent Scrantonians, repre- touched it and could not influence its immutability in any way whatever. Not only was it a passive endurance,

The word had also withstood the test of inquiry and criticism, and the result | flows. of this test had been that all the arguments against the Bible had fallen to the ground. The two miracles, the crossing of the Israelites through the Red Sea and the Resurrection of Christ, ome minds are self assertive and con- both occurred in historic times and fident in discussion. They are not the most profound minds, neither are they replied to the higher fiterary critics of the best informed minds, and a little | the present century and urged that if mind knows no embarrasment in being | It had stood the assaults of time, vioable to discuss a profound subject with lence, reason and faith, it must be enthe greatest confidence. There is the during and must be the word of the

The following anniversary hym, sung curb-stone theologian in every town at the various services, was written who preaches that every man should for the occasion by Charles E. Bradbury, a member of the church;

> Thy glorious name to praise: Time's flight but brings us nearer home While blessings crown our days,

Despite our doubts and fears, Thy power and grace had perfect sway, And now the light appears.

And may this temple prove A refuge in each soul's distress, A house like that above.

Wide as thy love to all mankind

Would we these gates out swing; Our weary neighbor we would find, Thy hopes and solace bring. Through all the sin, the pain, the tears-

Sad mysteries of time— Gleam forth the promised golden years, The dawn of earth's full prime. O Lord, this coming dawn is thine,

The sun of righteousness shall shine

The night shall flee away;

In thine unclouded day, STRONG, EARNEST SERMON.

Delivered by Rev. Warren G. Partridge of Penn Avenue Church. Warren G. Partridge preached a powerful sermon at the Penn Avenue Baptist church, yesterday morntheme on Matthew, xxviii, 14: "It is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should perish."

man said: "Two facts should ever be remembered by every friend of childhood: is a menace to childhood, and, secondly, brought forth: First, this book teaches | the wonderful increase of crime finds men, and, second, teachers do not an army of recruits among the young. understand. Every page has a lesson | One of the perils of our nation is the in it, yet each page has some proposi- number of great cities. During the tion which we cannot understand. present century there has been a colossal migration, unparalleled in the history of mankind, among all civilized nations, from the country to the large towns and cities. New problems confront the philanthropist and the Christian. The tenement house, the saloon, the factory, the streets and the slums, are dangerous foes to children. Are the churches adopting new methods to cope with these perils of childhood? Are our churches adequately aroused to a sense of the dangers that threaten the very existence of the nation, in the vast horde of neglected children that swarm upon the streets and alleys of

every city? "Again the increase of crime in our generation has an awful lesson for every Christian patriot. In 1850 there was one criminal to every 3,500 of the population, but the criminal class has increased to such an alarming extent that in 1890 there was one criminal to every 786 persons in this country. In other words, during the last forty years the population has increased 170 per cent., while the criminal class has in-

creased 445 per cent. "The children of these crowded dis tricts are turned loose upon the streets and thousand of them are steeped in vice and licentiousness before they are 10 years of age; so the children of the street soon reach a social and moral equilibrium of a complexion and character not far removed from the death gendering dregs, from which the city must be cleansed. Girls and boys crowd the curb stones and door steps late into the night, corrupting one another and familiarizing themselves with sin before they reach their teens, so that the very source and springs of social

life are poisoned. "We have many agencies for serving the children; 'the family, the church with its Sunday schools, industrial classes, the public schools, but are we doing all that is possible to do for the thousands of little neglected children of our cities who have never felt the benefits of one of these safe-guards of childhoor-the home, the church or the public school."

The reverend gentleman then made a powerful appeal on behalf of the kindergarten system and gave quotations and figures to prove the marvellous work which was being accomplished. There was glorious opportunity for the church to develop her practical work. And, in conclusion, he remarked: "There must be co-operation among the different denominations in an organized and continuous effort to bring every child into the Sunday school The Sunday school is not only the nursery of the church, but the nursery of good citizenship. . The church must adopt modern ideas of work, we need modern methods, modern buildings, and modern life and progressiveness

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pel is preached unto you." The rev- Christ has committed into our hands the glorious work of saving the child-Not for sectarian selfishness of God by its endurance and persist-ence had proved itself to be a Divine God and humanity. 'Suffer the little origin and inspiration. After dealings children to come to me, and forbid

MISSION IS ENDED.

Father McNally Preached a Powerful Ser mon at the Cathedral Last Night. All the women of the cathedral congregation were present at the ceremonies last night which marked the conclusion of the two weeks' mission Rev. E. J. McNally, of St. Patrick's church, West Side, preached the sermon from the text, "Peace Be to You." What the speaker dwelt upon mainly was the necessity of perseverance in the good resolutions formed during the mis sion. Turning away from sin and worldliness and entering upon the paths of virtue and charity brings peace to the soul; only through the efficacy of God's

sacraments often, as these are the only channels through which God's grace By continuing in the chosen path when the Second person of the trinity comes out the last day to judge mankind the words he shall use will sound like the joyous peals of the Christmas tidings, "Peace Be to You."

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to be truly at peace with the Redeemer There is a necessity to be watchful and

careful lest temptation leads us back

again to the paths of sin. Father Mc

Nally urged his hearers to frequent the

RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

Rev. Daniel Savage concluded a series of successful revival meetings last night, when an old-fashioned love feast was

A large audience was addressed by Rev. H. C. Hinman at the Railroad Young Men's Christian association rooms yesterday afternoon. Rev. Dr. Day, who preached the anni

versary sermon, and is chancellor of the Syracuse university, was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Simpson. The Rev. A. Griffin, secretary of the Methodist Episcopal infirm ministers' fund, will address the Methodist Pastors'

union at the Elm Park church this morn Practically all the churches are preparing special music for Christmas services. Cantatas form the chief attractions and excellent work will be performed by some

of the choirs. Professor Carter has added to his laurels by his musical judgment and fine qual-ities of perception in selecting the excel-lent numbers during services at the Elm Park church during the past week. United with the church quartette, the music has been refined, elevated and of a purely instructive nature.

Rev. Manley Hard, D.D., who for some years was a leading figure in local Meth-odist Episcopal church work, and is an ex-presiding elder of this district, delivered an address at the anniversary ser-vices and preached a powerful sermon at the Providence Methodist Episcopal church last evening.

The African Methodist Episcopal church in Howard place is accomplishing excel-lent work in the city and Pastor McGee is to be complimented on the continual growth of the membership during the period of his ministry. The expenses are cheerfully met as each quarter ends, and the social life in the church is conducive ing, upon the subject of "Cities and to make the church a railying point for Neglected Children," and based his all the African religionists of the city. theme on Matthew, xxviii, 14: "It is not Rev. W. H. Pearce is to be congratulated upon the successful conclusion of the first anniversary of Elm Park church, His labors before, and during, the week have been most arduous and the best thanks he could receive was the magnifi-During his sermon the reverend gentlecent attendance at the numerous meetings, combined with the excellent spirit First, the phenomenal growth of cities prevailing at all. There is every evidence is a menace to childhood, and, secondly, and people, a great essential in such :

leading church as Elm Park. Among church events to take place this week are: Study of the life of Longfel-low by the Epworth league of the As-bury Methodist Episcopal church. Friends are cordially invited. On Wednesday evening Rev. Jeanette L. Olmstend, an accomplished lady preacher, will deliver a lecture at the Puritan Congregational church on Wednesday evening on "The Ideal in Social Life." Rev. D. M. Stearns, a former pastor of Grace Reformed church, will visit the city during the week, and on Wednesday evening will preside at a farewell meeting to be tendered to F. C. H. Dreyer, who is leaving for missionary work in China,

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